

2016 Athletics Facts

Fact File 57

Junior Men's Throws

In Fact File 55 we documented the changes in participation numbers for 37 men's and women's track and field events covering the years 2009 to 2016. The biggest drop out rates were in the men's throws. ABAC asked Rob Whittingham to further investigate the prospects for throws moving forward by looking at all junior ages for all men's throws over the same time period Here is what he found..

Under 20

	Level (metres)	2009	2016	Decline
Shot	10.00	208	174	16%
Discus	25.00	227	184	19%
Hammer	25.00	94	89	5%
Javelin	35.00	255	186	27%

Under 17

	Level (metres)	2009	2016	Decline
Shot	10.00	471	356	24%
Discus	25.00	479	390	19%
Hammer	24.00	215	154	28%
Javelin	35.00	414	289	30%

Under 15

	Level (metres)	2009	2016	Decline
Shot	9.50	568	434	24%
Discus	23.00	487	384	21%
Hammer	23.00	193	162	16%
Javelin	30.00	417	351	16%

Comment. *We record a decline in every event in every age group since 2009*

In 2012, after the London Olympics, there was a huge growth in the number of Under 13 athletes joining clubs. Since then there has been a large number of extra opportunities for this age group. We look then at this age group to see if there is better news since 2012 . The results are:-

Under 13

	Level (metres)	2013	2016	Decline
Shot	6.50	514	448	13%
Discus	14.00	374	346	7%
Javelin	18.00	689	625	9%

Comment. *We record a decline in this younger age group too.*

Where is the legacy for field events?